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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON OAS MEETING

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ALEJANDRO MONTIEL ARGUELLO TOLD DCM ON MAY 30 THAT HE CONSIDERED RECENTLY CONCLUDED OAS MEETING IN WASHINGTON TO HAVE BEEN THE BEST IN MANY YEARS. HE CHARACTERIZED IT AS BEING ALMOST COMPLETELY DEVOID OF THE RHETORIC AND CONFRONTATIONAL ATTITUDE SO PREVALENT IN THE LAST SEVERAL MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE JOINT US/PANAMA STATEMENT THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH THE US DELEGATIONS ACCOUNT OF ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE US TRADE ACT.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTED THAT THE LATINS PSYCHOLOGICALLY HAD NOT BEEN COMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA OF A DIALOGUE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE SOME STRUCTURE SUCH AS THE OAS. IN ADDITION THEY FELT THAT COMMUNIQUEES SUCH AS THAT ISSUED AT TLATELOLCO TENDED TO RAISE HOPES UNDULY WHICH ONLY BROUGHT ABOUT DISILLUSION WHEN THOSE HOPES DID NOT MATERIALIZE. HE BELIEVES THAT THE FORMULA DEVELOPED TO PERMIT PRIVATE AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS PROVIDES THE ADVANTAGE CONTEMPLATED BY THE NEW DIALOGUE WHILE KEEPING IT WITHIN AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE REDUCES THE HAZARDS OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND LATER DISILLUSIONMENT.

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